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Weekend drug-related arrests also lead to resisting arrest charges against suspects

Two local citizens found themselves in trouble with law enforcement this past weekend when they were arrested drug charges and more.

On Saturday, June 3, deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department arrested Douglas Moore, age 59, of Kinston, Ala., on multiple offenses. He was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 3:16 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Charges against Moore include first degree possession of marijuana [\$15,000

bond], possession of a controlled substance [\$15,000 bond], misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$2,500 bond], one count of attempting to elude with no injury [\$6,000 bond], one count of attempting to elude with no injury [\$1,500 bond] and resisting arrest [\$2,500 bond].

Moore remained in the county jail as of press time this week.

On Sunday, June 4, Elba Police arrested 32-year-old James Morris of Elba on

multiple charges. He was booked into the county jail as 7:17 p.m. Sunday night.

Morris was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance [\$10,000 bond each], obstructing governmental operations [\$10,000 bond], resisting arrest [\$10,000 bond], attempting to elude with no injury [\$10,000 bond] and felony possession of drug paraphernalia [\$5,000

Allowing time for the board to exhaust resources and funds

New Brockton Council votes to dissolve rec board

by Linda Hodge, Editor

New Brockton Town Council members voted Monday evening, June 5, during their regular council meeting to dissolve the recreation board within the next few months.

Council member Todd Askins said the town has a basic understanding of what a committee is and what a board is, and the council needs to decide how it is going to move forward.

"Are we going to allow them to operate as a board?" Askins asked. "As a board, they are not necessarily their own entity, but they do not have to come to the council to ask 'Mother, may I' on everything. They basically operate own their own."

Askins said he had been in discussions with those currently sitting on the recreation board, and he said those members have agreed to either resign or allow the council to dissolve the board, but they asked to let the board spend its funds in the recreation department account before that happens [since those funds belong to the current recreation

board].
"We either allow them to operate as the law says or we dissolve it," Askins said. "The ball is really in our court here."

A representative of the recreation board at Monday night's meeting said it had always been the intention of those who had stepped up to do what is best for the town. She said they would resign or allow the council to dissolve the board if the council would provide ample time for the recreation board to spend the money it has remaining in its account first.

She said the board is looking to purchase a storage building for the recreation department with those funds, and that purchase would use up most if not all of the funds in the account.

Askins said the council needed to wait until that purchase is made before dissolving the board because once it is dissolved all authority returns to the town council.

Council member Justin Flowers made a motion with a second from council member Will Reeves to allow the recreation department to exhaust its resources and funds and after that the council will dissolve the recreation board. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Held this Spring at the Elba Public Library

Afterschool program helped students develop math skills

The Elba Public Library hosted an afterschool program this spring designed to help small groups of students develop their math skills.

Students worked one-on-one with instructors to practice basic math operations, such as multiplication, division and fractions. The

program was implemented by PicScience, an organization that works to improve access to STEM and prepare students for career opportunities.

"My child has enjoyed the smaller group size and individual attention provided by the program," said Katherine Chase. "She no

longer feels ashamed to ask questions or embarrassed about not grasping the concept, which has happened in the past in a traditional classroom setting."

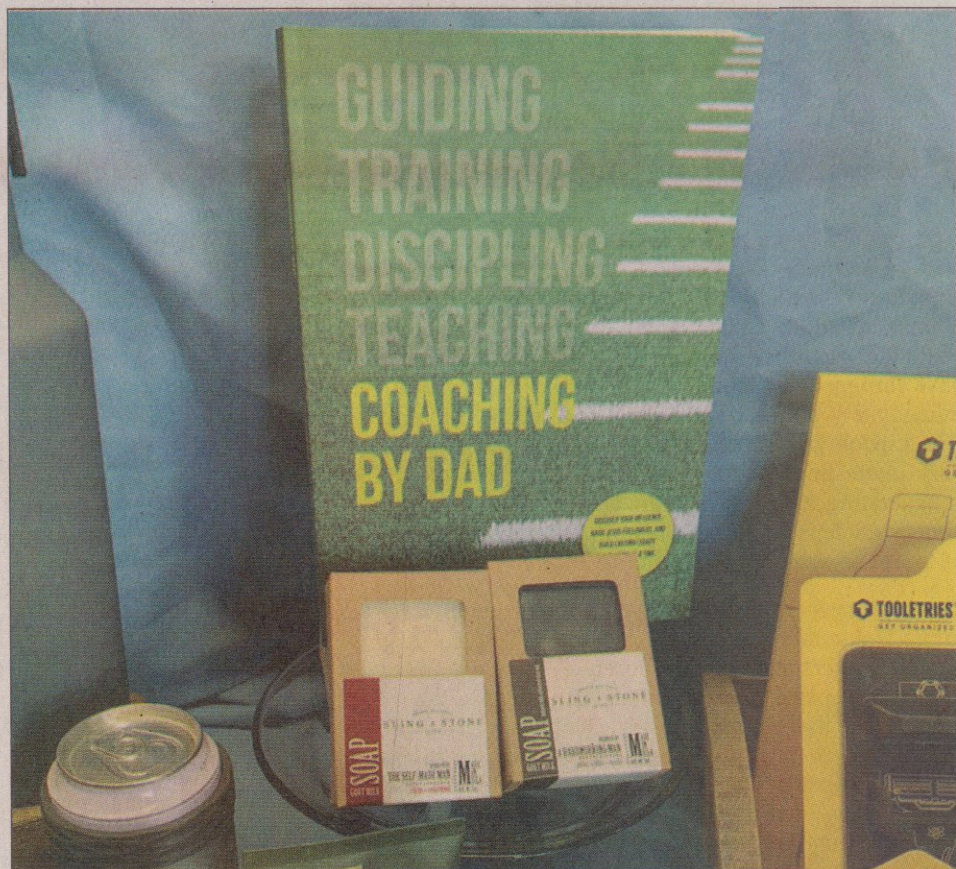
The program was sponsored by the Walmart Foundation and The Grove Community Outreach, a local non-profit organization. On the last day, students celebrated their participation and hard work with a party. Elba Pizza Hut donated two pizzas. Chick-fil-A of Enterprise donated gift cards to each of the students.

Area Happenings

The Elba Zoning Board will meet Tuesday, June 13, at 7:30 a.m., at Elba City Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

The Elba Public Library's Summer Learning Program will be held June 1 - July 28 this year. This program is fun for all ages, including adults. For more information, call (334) 897-6921 or email - library@elbaal.gov. Participants can register online at www.elbapubliclibrary.com

Elba's Fourth of July celebration - Let Freedom Ring - will be Tuesday, July 4, on the square in downtown Elba. Sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce and City of Elba, the event will begin at 6 p.m. and will include a golf cart parade, inflatables for kids, contests, food concessions, entertainment by Blind Skeleton [featuring Elba native Bill Brueckner], and, of course, fireworks! Make plans now to spend the 4th in Elba.



"Coaching By Dad" is available for purchase locally. The book, written by Elba pastor Paul Jackson and his son, Gabriel, can be purchased in Elba at LillieAnne's or Son Exposure. The book is shown here as part of a Father's Day display at LillieAnne's.

Local pastor hopes his book will be guide for dads to be more intentional with their children

by Linda Hodge, Editor

With Father's Day is just around the corner, a local pastor hopes a book he

penned with his son will serve as a guide to help dads

(and moms) become more intentional and engaged in the lives of their children.

"Coaching By Dad" was written by Paul Jackson and his son Gabriel Jackson. The elder Jackson is pas-

tor of Covenant Community Church in Elba.

"When Gabe was a small boy - maybe one or two - I started writing and leaving notes for him affirming my love for him," Jackson said. "It was just for fun. I continued writing the notes/letters for him until he was about age 26."

Jackson said writing comes easy to him, and he said Gabe came up with the idea of turning the letters he had written into a book to help guide, train, disciple and teach other fathers about being intentional with their children. He said many of the letters were about life, questions, issues at school, etc.

"It was my way of coaching, guiding him, and helping him grow up," Jackson said. "My desire was for Gabe to be a good quality person - character-wise, and I wanted to shape him in those kinds of ways. I also wanted to shape him spiritually."

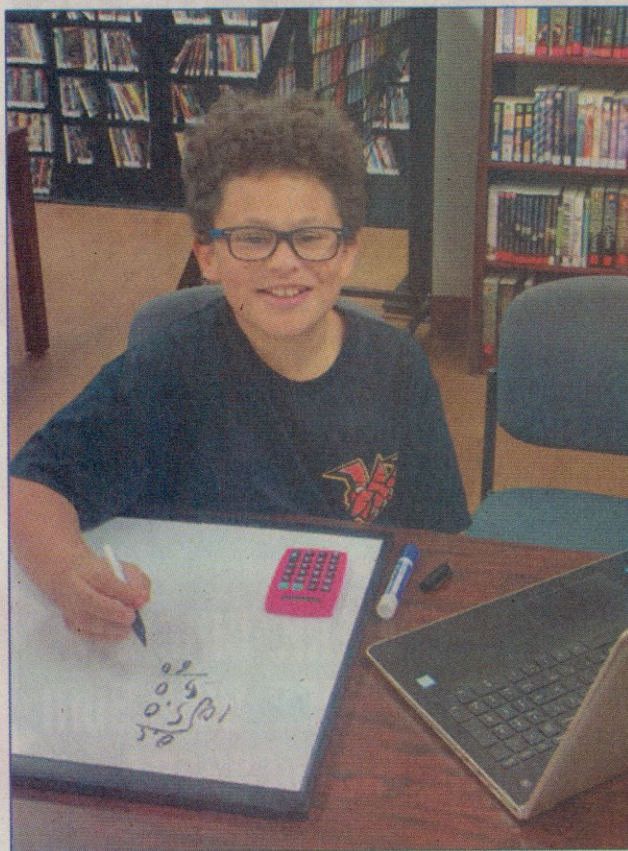
Jackson said his letters were his way of discipling his son. He said he would write him a letter and after Gabe read the letter, they would get together and talk



ENJOYING THE WEATHER...Melinda and Whitney Mills were recently seen enjoying a short mid-morning rest and eating snacks at the picnic table in the shade of the pecan tree at Troy Bank and Trust. They were obviously enjoying the whole thing and were very talkative with anyone passing by.

NOTICE:

A "Lunch and Learn" event will be held Friday, June 9, at the Elba Public Library, at 11 a.m. to include a book signing by Dr. W.L. Peterson for his book, "I'm Still Standing"



Stryker McCord of Elba was one of several local students to participate in the afterschool program at the Elba Public Library this Spring.



The Elba Country Club Boys Junior Open golf tournament, hosted by the Elba High School golf program, was held last week, and the overall winner/low medalist was Elba's own Trace Grantham. His score of 72 vaulted him to a first place win in his Age 16-17 division, and it also held up to be the overall low medalist score. Grantham is shown here receiving his trophies from Elba High School boys golf coach Mark Wicker. For more on this event, please see Page 6 of today's paper.

Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

COURTNEY JUSTIN TILLIS

Mr. Courtney Justin Tillis, age 36, died Saturday, May 20, 2023.

He was born June 9, 1986 to Charlie and Linda Tillis of Opp, Ala. He attended Kinston Elementary School, Elba City Schools, and later moved to Opp High School, where graduated in 2003. Courtney attended Lurleen B. Wallace College in Opp, where he studied welding, as well as industrial electronics. He was an active member of the Rose and Sharon Masonic Lodge of Alabama.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 28, 2023, at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Courtney was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Charlie and Catherine Tillis of Opp; and maternal grandparents, Oliver Howard of Florida, and Doris Thomas of New York.

Survivors include his son: K. Isaac Tillis (Joi Rhymes); daughter: Bradli LeGear (LaKisha LeGear), special friend: Jessica Rodriguez and their unborn twins; two brothers: David Mims, Charlie (April) Tillis; one sister: Crystal Tillis; nephews: Sean Oates, Devin Mims, Charlie R. Tillis III; nieces: Taylor Mims, Sienna Tillis, Alaysia Robinson; along with many uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

GEORGE ALBERT WALKER

Mr. George Albert Walker, age 77, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, May 14, 2023.

He was born on August 19, 1945 to George and Laura Ann Walker in Barbour County, Ala.

Albert worked over 30 years at Opp Nicolas Cotton Mills while also working in the logging industry. After the mill closed, he studied and went back to school to get his CDL license. He was proud of this accomplishment because he only completed 9th grade while in school. He drove trucks for several years before retiring.

At an early age he joined New Zion Baptist Church where he served until his death. He was a Masonic Brother and an active member of The Bros Club.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 18, 2023, from the Chapel of Coleman Funeral Home of Elba.

Albert was preceded in death by his mother and father, George and Laura Ann Walker; his sister, Anna Mae Abbott; his brother, Deacon Willie James Walker; his in-laws, Fred and Eva Mae Flowers; his grandson, Nicholas; and a host of brothers and sisters in law.

Survivors include the love of his life and devoted wife of 57 years: Annie Walker, Elba; his children: Bobby Jordan (Gayle), and Chequita Walker, both of Elba, Jennifer Walker, Atlanta, Ga., Yolanda Coleman (Steven), Troy, Ala., Ron Ellis (Takisha), York, SC; Rozalyn Miller (Patrick), Enterprise, Ala.; his grandchildren: Lakia, Amber, Josiah, Appleonia, Daneesha, Quan, Jarron, Jania, Gabrielle, Keon, Zachariah, Jamilya, and Wesley; his uncle Sammy Coleman, aunt Vernella Carmicheal, and a special niece Rita Smith and great nephew Aaron Smith; along with a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

JUSTICE HUNTER HARGROVE

Mr. Justice Hunter Hargrove, age 42, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Friday, June 2, 2023, at Princeton Baptist Medical Center in Birmingham, Ala. after an extended fight with Guillain-Barre syndrome.

Hunter was a 1999 graduate of Elba High School, and later furthered his education at Enterprise-Ozark Community College where he obtained his A&P licensing. His career afforded him the opportunity to work at Huntsville, Fort Rucker, and the Shelby County Airport alongside many acquaintances, which later became close friends.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 10, 2023, at 2 p.m., from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Saturday from 12:30 to 2 p.m. He was preceded in death by his father, Lenard Hargrove.

Survivors include his mother: Vivian Hargrove, Elba; daughter: Katie Lynn Hargrove, Geneva, Ala.; sisters: Beverly (Paul) Free, Ponchatoula, La., Shannon (Terry Glyn) Kersey, Troy, Ala.; nephews: Jared Paul Free, Ponchatoula, Terry Glyn Kersey II and Max Len Kersey, both of Troy; and a niece: Ashlee Brooke Kersey, Troy.

DANNY LEE WEEKS

Mr. Danny Lee Weeks, age 51, of New Brockton, Ala., died Thursday, June 1, 2023, at his residence.

Memorial services were held Monday, June 5, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba.

Survivors include his son: Jeremy (Jonna) Weeks, Andalusia, Ala.; daughters: Ashley (Morris) Childs and Heather Weeks, both of Elba; sisters: Joyce Golson,

Elba, Becky Parker, New Brockton; stepsisters: Sheila Slawson, Charlotte Smith, and Brenda Lee, all of New Brockton.

GREGG PRETTYMAN

Mr. Gregg Prettyman, age 60, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala. Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

Manning named to President's List at LBWCC

Lynsey Fayth Manning of Elba recently was named to the President's List at LBW Community College for the Spring 2023 semester.

Requirements for the president's list include a semester grade point average of 4.0 and the completion of a minimum of 12 credit hours of college-level work.

CCRC Meeting set for Saturday

The Coffee County Republican Club (CCRC) will meet Saturday, June 10, 8:30 am, at the Enterprise Country Club. An optional \$9 breakfast buffet will be offered.

Everyone is invited, but RSVP's are needed to ensure enough food and seating. Contact CCRC Secretary Johnna Roberts no later than June 8 if you plan to attend and if you will be eating. For more information, contact Ed Foy at 334-494-4663.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you for the outpouring of love, kindness, concern, and encouragement after our beloved husband, dad, and granddad, George A. Walker passed away. Receiving your notes, cards, texts, and messages were appreciated. Your kindness and love has blessed us more than we can say.

Mrs. Annie Walker and family

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Coffee County Master Gardeners Participate in "Go Public Gardens" Day...

A day is designated in May of each year as "Go Public Gardens" day all over the United States to encourage the general public to visit, explore, learn, support and volunteer at public gardens. This event was recently held at the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens and was co-hosted by the Wiregrass Master Gardeners Association. Members of the Coffee County Master Gardeners Association had a booth and demonstrated how various containers can be used to display plants. Shown in photo, from left, are Brenda Evans and Ona Garwood.

BOOK

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ing basketball in the yard when Gabe was to going to Starbucks as he got older, Jackson said it was a great way for them to spend time together and discuss life.

"I wanted to be very affirming of who Gabe was as a person," Jackson said. "The book includes several of my letters to Gabe as an example of these type affirmations."

"Coaching By Dad" is written as sort of a football analogy as it is broken down into four quarters. Jackson said the first quarter was from ages 0-12, the second quarter included ages 13-18, the third quarter was ages 19-22, and the fourth quarter revolves around ages 23-26.

In the book, Dad serves as coach; however, Jackson is quick to point out that while he is a dad and he wrote the book for dads, it can also be a good guide

for moms too, especially single moms.

"It is a Christian book in that my ultimate goal for Gabe was for him to be a Christian," Jackson said. "The book affirms that moms and dads work to raise good Christian people. It is for anyone who wants to be more intentional or engaged with their children."

Jackson said "Coaching By Dad" is available for purchase through most bookstores and Amazon, but it is also available for purchase in Elba at LillieAnne's and Son Exposure.

"Being intentional and engaged in shaping your children for good and for God is basically what this book is about...it is a great guide to help dads (and moms) learn how to speak from their heart to their children," Jackson said.

Ask Heath

Heath Wyrosdick, Funeral Director/Embalmer

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What are some ways to support the elderly through their grief?

The longer we live, the more friends, family members, and pets we will lose. It can start to feel like attending funerals is a regular part of life for the aged, and this can be difficult.

Supporting the elderly through grief and loneliness looks somewhat different from supporting those who are younger. For the aged, they may lack mobility, making it difficult to leave home to be with others. They may also have lost a spouse, partner or close friend who they could confide in and who they depended on for support.

Here are some tips to help support elderly parents, family members or friends in their grief.

Grief can last a long time. It doesn't end just because the cards, texts and phone calls stop coming. Make sure to continue to check in long after the outside world has moved on.

Grief may sometimes be delayed. This can apply especially to those who were caregivers for the deceased. Initially, the caretaker may feel relief or even deny they are grieving because they were expecting the death. It can take weeks or even months for the grief to surface.

Grief can cause stress which can weaken the immune system. Make sure your loved one is going to the doctor for checkups.

Find time for meaningful conversations. Many times, those that visit elderly friends and relatives are busy and don't have time to do much more than check in on them. Setting aside some time for meaningful conversations during a visit can go a long way.

Help them stay involved. Find other services to come to them if they can't get out. There are many services that can come into an elderly person's home to support them or services that can come pick them up to take them to social events.

The important thing to remember is to continue to reach out to the elderly and to help them stay connected to their friends, family and community.

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Steve Reneau, Pastor

Elba United Methodist Church

I invite you to read the Gospel of Luke 17:1-10, and then read the article below.

One of the most iconic movies of the last century is Jaws; the 1975 thriller by Steven Spielberg about a great white shark that is terrorizing the New England beach town of Amity Island. In hopes of protecting the town, the police chief Martin Brody teams up with a marine biologist named Hooper and professional shark hunter Quint on the latter's boat the Orca. During one of the most famous scenes Brody is laying down a chum line to bait the shark, when we catch a glimpse of the true magnitude of the creature. Brody shoots up and with a little movement as possible backs into the cabin while keeping his gaze fixed upon the waters to utter to Quint the now memorable and ad-libbed line, "You're going to need a bigger boat."

In our passage Jesus is teaching his disciples about forgiveness and faithful service. He tells them about how people tripping and falling into sin will happen, and they don't need to worry about this as long as they are not the reason that someone tripped and fell into sin. He tells them what to do when someone does sin, repents, and changes their hearts and lives. He then tells them what to do if someone sins, repents, says they're going to change their lives, then sins, repents, says they're going to change their lives, and on and on and on. Jesus says, "You must forgive that person." I love the disciples' response, "Increase our faith!" In the back of my mind, I always hear the disciples' response in the same tone and cadence as Brody on the deck of the Orca. It is though after hearing the size of the task to Jesus has placed before them, the disciples step back in shock and say, "We're going to need a bigger faith!"

Jesus though lovingly responds that they don't need a bigger faith at all. Even a little faith, faith the size of a mustard seed, can move mountains or in this case mulberry trees. Jesus tells them that the size of their faith is not the problem, but instead their willingness to live out that faith. This is what he is saying at the end of our passage. This is what he means when he is talking about the servant doing their job without any thanks. Forgiving like this is not going above and beyond. It is simply what we are suppose to do for "we servants deserve no special praise. We have only done our duty."

It doesn't take long for each of us to conjure the image of that person that for whatever reason we cannot bring ourselves to forgive. What is stopping us? We don't need a bigger faith—God has given us everything we need. We just need now the willingness to use that faith. As I look back in my life in this faith, I think of the times that I have forgiven those I had previously deemed "unforgivable". I realize that never once have I regretted offering forgiveness, and I know, with God's grace, I will not regret the next time I forgive. So, in the name of Christ, I challenge us to forgive as Christ has forgiven us.

VBS set for June 18-22 at Basin Baptist

Basin Baptist Church, located at 9757 Hwy 189 S, Elba, Ala., will host Vacation Bible School, Sunday, June 18, through Thursday, June 22.

The VBS schedule will be as follows: Sunday evening: 4:30-8:30 p.m.; Monday –

Wednesday evenings: 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Thursday evening [Family Night] – begins at 6 p.m.

There will be classes for children ages 3-4 through 6th grade.

Come join the fun.

Newbia Baptist Church to host VBS on Saturday, June 10th

Newbia Baptist Church, located at 3819 County Rd 330, Elba, Ala., will host the "Pets Unleashed - Where Jesus Cares For You" Vacation Bible School on Saturday, June 10.

Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. that morning with the VBS fun to be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Pre-registration can be completed by texting/calling (334) 372-2098.

VBS commencement will be held Sunday morning, June 11, during the 11 a.m. morning worship service.

All are invited to attend.

Vacation Bible School announced for Whitewater Baptist Church

Whitewater Baptist Church, located at 4301 Hwy 125, Elba, has announced Vacation Bible School will be held June 11 through June 16.

The time will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. each evening. All are invited to attend.

Jack Assembly of God set to host VBS nightly June 19-23

Jack Assembly of God Church, located at 2200 County Rd. 208, Jack, Ala., will host Vacation Bible School from 6-8 p.m. nightly, June 19th-23rd.

There will be games, food and fun as all learn about following Jesus. Ages: Nursery through Teens.

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tried to spend more time with my uncle. Getting to know him seemed to be as close as I could get to knowing my grandfather. My uncle may have been a close reflection of my grandfather, but Jesus is the exact image of God the Father. We can know God better by reflecting on the life and words of Jesus Christ in scripture. Jesus reveals the very nature of God. – L.H.P.

Questions / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 6-8-23

Answer the Questions Using Your Concordance
Q: Terah, Abram, Sarai, and Lot departed from what place to go into the land of Canaan?
A: UR of the Chaldees [Genesis 11:31]

Q: Who gave God's instructions to Barak to take ten thousand men to fight against Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army?
A: Deborah [Judges 4: 4,6]

Remember

Anger is one letter away from Danger

Questions for the Week of 6/15/23

Fill in the Blanks

Q: The honor for Sisera's defeat would not go to Barak, but to a _____.

Q: At the burning bush, Moses was told to take off his shoes because the place where he was standing was _____.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

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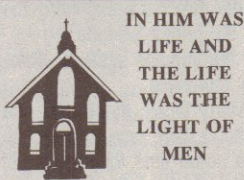
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Rockey Pearce, Pastor

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH

Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH

Deborah A. Butler, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Greg Cotter, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

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Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Jack Water System, Inc. January-December 2022

Is my water safe?

Last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) drinking water health standards. Your local water officials vigilantly safeguard its water supplies and once again we are proud to report that our system has not violated a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standards. We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is one groundwater well. The water we supply comes from the Clayton Aquifer. The Jack Water System also purchases water from the Pike County Water Authority. The Pike County Water Authority utilizes groundwater pumped from seven wells out of the Ripley Aquifer and the Tuscaloosa Aquifer. The water we provide to our customers requires no specialized treatment. However, chlorine is added to the water for disinfection purposes. This ensures the quality of water throughout our distribution system.

The Jack Water System routinely completes a water storage facility inspection plan and utilizes a Bacteriological Monitoring Plan and a Cross Connection Policy is in place to insure good safe drinking water for our customers. The Jack Water System and Pike County Water Authority have both completed a Source Water Assessment Plan which is available at our offices for review. This report provides information about potential sources of contamination and is set up to help protect our source.

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Board meetings. They are held on the first Monday of each month at the Zion Chapel Senior Citizens located at Highway 87 North, in Jack, and begin at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Directors

Kieff Lambert, President **Ray Smith, Vice-President** **Roxie W. Smith, Secretary** **Tammy Luther, Member** **Jeanette Baker, Member**

Important Drinking Water Definitions:

Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant that triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system shall follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below, which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Millirems per year (mrem/yr) - Measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - Nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L) - One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000. **Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/L)** - One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000. **Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (ng/L)** - One part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (pg/L) - One part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - Picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Threshold Odor Number (T.O.N.) - The greatest dilution of a sample with odor-free water that still yields a just-detectable odor.

Variances & Exemptions - ADEM or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

Explanation of reasons for variance/exemptions:

Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. Thus, monitoring for these contaminants was not required. The Jack Water System and the Pike County Water Authority routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in the following tables show the results of our monitoring period of January 1st to December 31st, 2022.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk. The EPA or ADEM requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material, and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activities.

As you can see by the tables, our system had no monitoring violations of allowable limits of contaminants in drinking water. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some contaminants have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels. MCL's are set at very stringent levels.

To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Total Coliform: The Total Coliform Rule requires water systems to meet a stricter limit for coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply.

If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio. To comply with the stricter regulation, we have increased the average amount of chlorine in the distribution system.

Lead in Drinking Water: "If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Jack Water System is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>."

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. People who are immuno-compromised such as cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, organ transplant recipients, HIV/AIDS positive or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. People at risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)/CDC (Center of Disease Control) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline. All Drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding. We at the Jack Water System work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

For more information contact: **Mr. David Jordan, Operator**

Jack Water System

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Telephone: 334-735-0059

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

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Boys open golf event held at Elba Country Club

The Elba High School Golf program hosted the Elba Country Club Boys Junior Open tournament last week at the Country Club.

There were three age divisions for the event: Ages 12-13, Ages 14-15 and Ages 16-17.

The overall winner/low medalist for the event was Elba's own Trace Grantham. He shot a 72 on the day. He also was the Age 16-17 first place winner (photo on the front page).

Coming in 2nd for the Age 16-17 boys was Coy Ingram with a 73, and 3rd went to Conner Machen with an 86 on the day.

In the Age 14-15 group, 1st place went to Caden Machen with a course score of 79. Coming in 2nd was Brody Ellis with an 83, and 3rd place went to Clay Kyser with a score of 84.

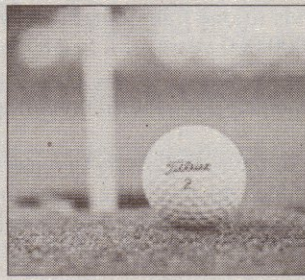
For the boys ages 12-13, 1st place winner was Cam Kyser with a score of 86. Coming in second was Elba's Powell Bane with a score of 89, and 3rd place went to Cooper Robley with a 93.



Cam Kyser receives his first place trophy for the Age 12-13 division from Elba boys golf coach Mark Wicker.



Caden Machen receives his first place trophy for the Age 14-15 division from Elba boys golf coach Mark Wicker.



Brody Ellis receives his 2nd place trophy for the Age 14-15 division from Elba boys golf coach Mark Wicker.



Powell Bane receives his 2nd place trophy for the Age 12-13 division from Elba boys golf coach Mark Wicker.



Coy Ingram receives his 2nd place trophy for the Age 16-17 division from Elba boys golf coach Mark Wicker.



Clay Kyser receives his 3rd place trophy for the Age 14-15 division from Elba boys golf coach Mark Wicker.



RIGHT: Conner Machen receives his 3rd place trophy for the Age 16-17 division from Elba boys golf coach Mark Wicker.

Not Pictured: Cooper Robley 3rd place winner for the Age 12-13 division.

ELBA WATER WORKS HAS LEVELS OF CARBON TETRACHLORIDE ABOVE DRINKING WATER STANDARDS

Our Water System recently violated a Drinking Water Standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have the right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received in April of 2023 show that our system exceeds the standard or Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Carbon Tetrachloride. The standard for Carbon Tetrachloride is 0.005 MG/L. The chart below lists the location, contaminant, and levels that exceeded the maximum contaminant level.

THIS IS NOT AN IMMEDIATE RISK. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Some people who drink water containing Carbon Tetrachloride in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

LOCATION	CONTAMINANT	QUARTER	LEVEL (MG/L)
WELL 6	CARBON TETRACHLORIDE	APR-JUN 2023	0.012

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

We are in the process of taking extra samples and are assured that the amounts are dropping. We will continue to do this and any other manners suggested by ADEM until the amount is within the levels of the drinking water standards.

Should you have any questions concerning this violation or monitoring requirements, please contact:
Melissa Morris at (334) 897-2333.
200 Buford Street, Elba AL 36323

LEGAL NOTICES:

Public Notices also are posted on the websites: www.elba-clipper.com and www.alabamapublicnotices.com at no extra charge

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RITA F DUBISAR, DECEASED

CASE NO: PC 2023-032

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of RITA F DUBISAR, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 16th day of May, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred.

/s/ Toni Dewberry
TONI DEWBERRY
Personal Representative
5/25 & 6/1,8-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: PC 2023-008

IN THE MATTER OF ELMA LOUISE MORROW, deceased.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to RONALD MORROW on the 25th day of May 2023 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims

against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 25th day of May 2023.

Ronald Morrow
Personal Representative

Matt Brunson
Attorney for the Estate
6/1,8&15-pd.

Notice of Public Sale. An online sale will be held at www.storage-treasures.com for A-Less Storage Enterprise, Alabama on or after 12:30 PM Thursday June 22nd 2023. Personal property of the following units will be sold for cash to satisfy owner's lien for due in accordance with AL Code § 8-15-34
Unit B2 - Conchella Maika Cheatham HHG
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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

While our grandson Lawson is enjoying his summer break before he heads off to junior high, our youngest grandson Cannon will soon get to enjoy the summer a little more as his Mom will not have to work on Fridays, which means he will get to have Mom home three days a week. See, age means nothing when it is time for summer break!

For what it is worth....

*** Many years high school football fans have to buy a program early in the season to know what number the players are wearing, but this year at New Brockton High School school officials may have to print out a map just so the coaching staff will know which direction to go and where their classrooms are. When the new school year starts in August the Gamecocks will have new head coaches in football, basketball, volleyball and softball! While Jason Barnett was named the new head football coach back in the winter and Joshua Boykin was hired to lead the basketball program a few weeks back, the other vacancies were filled last week when Dawn Ezell was named the new volleyball coach and Gary Ray was named to lead the softball program. Barnett brings years of experience to the football program, but the other three new head coaches will be taking over the reins of a high school team for the first time in their career and will have to learn with their teams as the seasons progress. It looks like a 'really' new year in sports over at 'Brockton.

*** What has been called the most significant rules change in high school basketball since the 'three-point arc' will take part this season when teams will shoot two free-throws for all common fouls when the team is in the bonus. The change will do away with the 'one-and-one' free throw opportunities and make all free-throw visits two-shots once the team's opponent has committed five fouls in a quarter. The foul total will reset at the beginning of every quarter and do away with a player going to the line with the pressure of having to make the front end of a one-and-one free-throw to earn a second shot. The NFHS, the governing body of high school sports, stated the change would make the game safer as it would do away with rougher play for rebounds, and would also improve the flow of the game since fouls would not carry over from quarter to quarter. While it seems to me the change would favor the team that is leading on the scoreboard, only time will tell as coaches will always try to figure out ways to gain an advantage over their opponents.

*** The Southeastern Conference met with its member schools last week and after a yearlong discussion agreed to a temporary solution to the soon-to-be 16-team conference by adopting an eight-game conference schedule. The plan is a one-year solution as the SEC continues to decide how it will go forward in 2024 when the league expands to 16 teams with the addition of Texas and Oklahoma. If the new plan survives, each team will play every other team in the conference every two years, with one team remaining on the schedule on an annual basis. The change would keep Alabama and Auburn on a yearly schedule, but would move the Tide's age-old rivalry with Tennessee to every other year, as would the Tigers oldest rivalry contest against Georgia. Another change would do away with the conference divisions, with the top two teams moving on to the conference championship. I honestly think most fans of Alabama and Auburn will still get just as excited as before of their games against Tennessee and Georgia are played every year, or every other year, and may actually help to give the teams a break from the always rugged SEC regular season schedule.

*** In closing... Former Elba Tiger standout and veteran football coach Jetey Wise will be back in the Wiregrass area this year as an assistant coach at G.W. Long High School. Coach Wise has been the head coach at both Slocomb and Red Level during his career, as well as earning a state championship ring as an assistant at Lanett and most recently being on staff at 7A Smiths Station. G.W. Long has been a winner at the 2A level for years, and with Coach Wise bringing his years of experience to the program it looks like the Rebels will continue to flourish. Coach Wise began his coaching career as a Rebel at ZionChapel and is now a Rebel again at G.W. Long.

Wood Ducks begin season

The defending state champion Alabama Wood Ducks opened their season last week with three games and posted a pair of wins to close the week with a 2-1 record.

The Wood Ducks needed only three hits to win their season opener over Chaos 15U 2-1. Hayden Pope, Hunter White and Judd Thomas all had 1 hit for the Ducks, while Noah Jeffers and Baylon Foster both scored 1 run. Seven pitchers combined for the win and allowed no earned runs on four hits, while recording 11 strikeouts.

The Wood Ducks used a 4-run fourth inning to grab the lead and held on to defeat the Expos 16U 4-3. Josh Gutierrez had 2

hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Ducks, while Blake Peterson added 2 hits and scored 1 run, and Ty Sieving and Braxton Sherling both added 2 hits. Payton Green was the winning pitcher as he tossed six innings and allowed no earned runs on six hits, while striking out 14. Hunter White picked up the save as he pitched one inning and struck out two.

The Wood Ducks managed only two hits in a 6-0 loss to West Georgia. Blake Peterson had both hits for the Ducks, while Riley Simmons and Ty Sieving combined to pitch six innings and allowed six earned runs on six hits and seven walks, while striking out seven.



2023 ELBA TIGER BASEBALL AWARD WINNERS... were recognized recently at the annual banquet at a local restaurant. Honorees included (l-r) Brayden Johnson – Down and Dirty Award; Brady Johnson – Best All-Around Award; Kaleb Mitchell – Down and Dirty Award; Colin Arnold – Top Fielder Award; Ty Sieving – Top Hitter Award and Top Pitcher Award; Cameron Gray – Best All-Around Award; Easton McKelvey – Down and Dirty Award; and, JT Coleman – Mr. Hustle Award (not pictured).

Lady Tigers honored at softball awards banquet

The Elba Lady Tigers softball team held its annual 'Awards Banquet' recently at the Elba Theatre and honored the student-athletes that helped the Lady Tigers post a winning record and earn a trip to the South Region for the first time in five years.

The Lady Tigers placed second in the Area standings with a 6-2 record to advance to the South Region, where it placed fifth in the eight-team event with one win in three games.

Awards based upon statistics included: Big Bat Award – Emily Richardson and Ana Caldwell; Golden Glove Award – Ana Caldwell and Aimee

Senn; Highest Batting Average – Danielle Tew and Emily Richardson; and, Outstanding Pitcher – Jadyn Caldwell.

Special recognition also went to Hillary Hudson – Hustle Award; Taylor Wood – Most Improved; Mary Brooklyn O'Neal – Look Out Award; A'Lyric Whitfield – Most Versatile; Sinia Smedley – Most Versatile; Taylor Day – Ms. Clutch Award; Destinee Tidwell – Top Teammate; Alayvia Stinson – Lady Tiger Award; Keelie Moseley – Game Changer Award; Zaniyah Mitchell – Best Attitude; and, Haylee Tucker – Ms. Slugger Award.



SENIOR HONOREES.... Lady Tiger seniors were honored at the recent banquet. Pictured above are (l-r) Coach Jeff Carpenter, Coach Melissa Mularz, Emily Richardson, Aimee Senn and Coach Johnny Senn.

June 10 is 'free fishing day'

On Saturday, June 10, 2023, Alabamians and out-of-state visitors alike will have the opportunity to fish for free in most public waters including both freshwater and saltwater. Free Fishing Day allows residents and non-residents to enjoy the outstanding fishing Alabama has to offer without purchasing a fishing license. The event is part of National Fishing and Boating Week, which runs June 3-11.

"This is the perfect opportunity for non-anglers to test the fishing waters and to remind former anglers of all the fun they've been missing," said Chris Blankenship, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR). "It's also a day for kids to learn how fun and exciting fishing is, while giving families a chance to do something together outdoors."

Free Fishing Day also takes place during Alabama's red snapper season. While fishing license requirements are waived for Free Fishing Day, those fishing for red snapper will still need a \$10 Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement. For more information visit www.outdooralabama.com/

[fishing/saltwater-recreational-size-creel-limits.](http://www.outdooralabama.com/)

In addition, State Public Fishing Lakes still require a fishing permit on Free Fishing Day, and fishing in a private pond requires the pond owner's permission. Some piers may also require fees and permits. Anglers looking for a new public fishing spot are encouraged to explore the fishing section of www.outdooralabama.com.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through four divisions: Marine Resources, State Parks, State Lands, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. To learn more about ADCNR, visit www.outdooralabama.com.

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ELBA SOFTBALL AWARD WINNERS.... Included (l-r) Ana Caldwell, Taylor Day, Mary Brooklyn O'Neal, Zaniyah Mitchell, and Jadyn Caldwell.

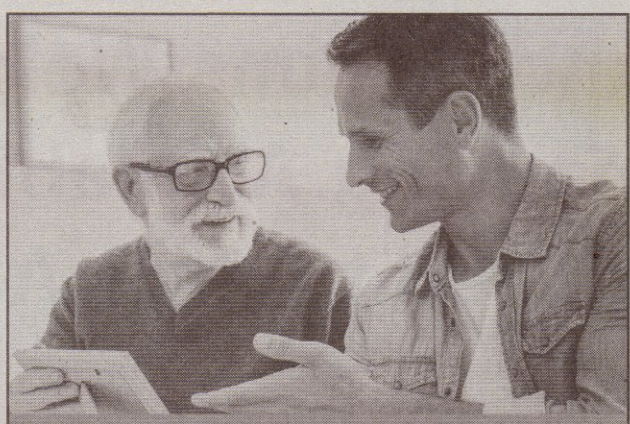


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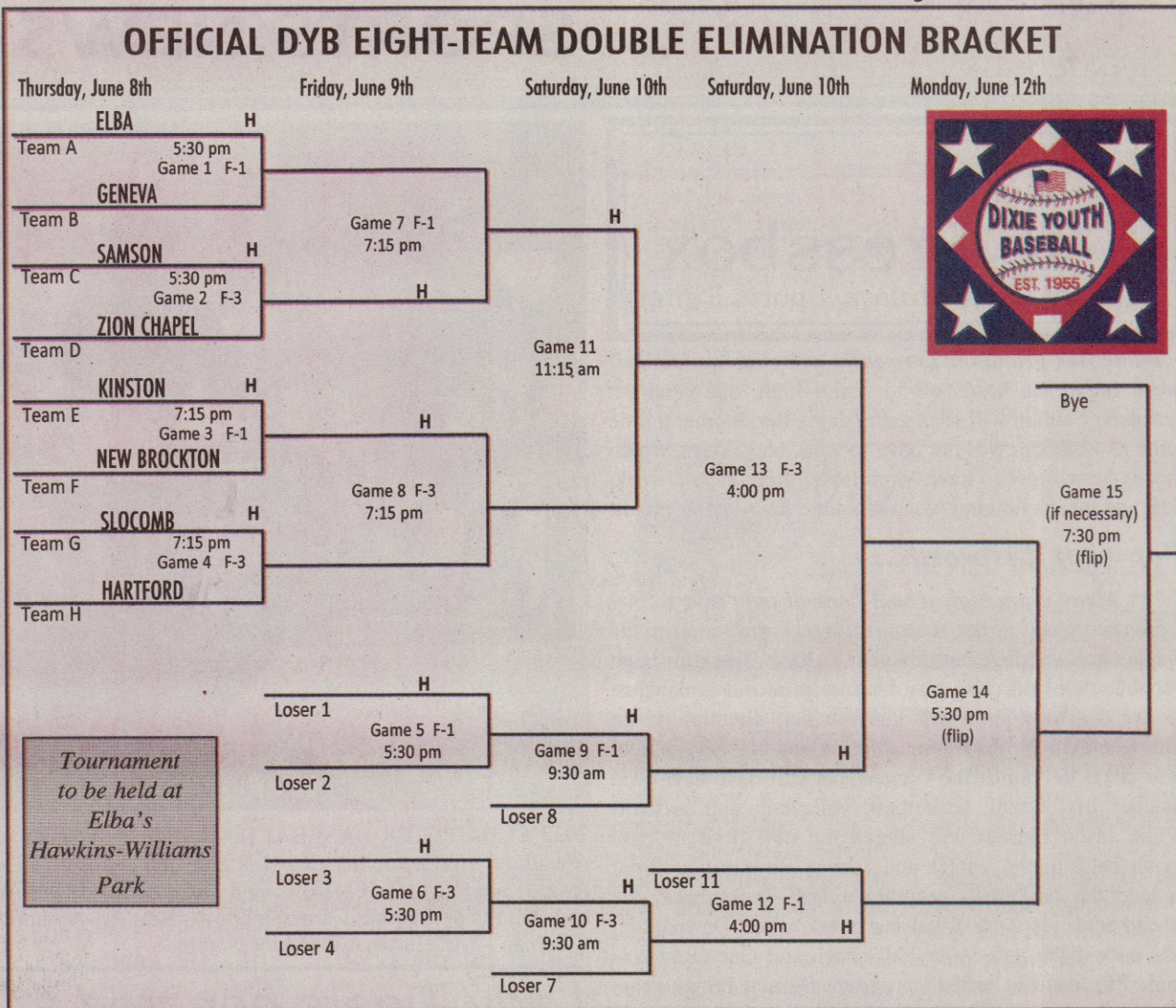
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Elba Parks and Rec to host DYB Division II 10U District Tourney this week

The Elba Parks and Recreation will host the Dixie Youth Baseball (DYB) Division II boys 10U district tournament Thursday evening, June 8, through Monday evening, June 12. Eight teams are set to compete [see bracket to the right]. The event will be held at Elba's Hawkins-Williams Park. On Thursday and Friday, admission will be \$6 [with \$1 of that going to the Dixie Youth Baseball Scholarship Fund. Admission for Saturday and Monday will be just \$5 per person.



RWCC meeting set for June 21

The Republican Women of Coffee County [RWCC] will meet Wednesday, June 21, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Highway.

The guest speakers will be Mariah Montgomery, director of Downtown Main Street, Enterprise, and her intern, Clay Newscom. They will discuss downtown's mission and volunteer opportunities. RWCC will also be playing RWCC Bingo, a game which uses current events and political issues/figures instead of numbers.

Social time begins at 11; an optional \$12 buffet begins at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 12 noon. All are invited, but reservations are required. Contact Shannon no later than June 18 to RSVP at 334-494-2753 or rwcreservations@gmail.com.



Monday evening, June 5, members of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 raised Brother Steven Matthew Little to a Master Mason. There were 43 masons in attendance, and all enjoyed the food, fellowship, and work. Those pictured include: (front, l to r) Mickey Hatfield, Chris Marler, Seth Hanchey, Mike Amison, Tim Marler, Donnie Hussey, Steven Matthew Little, Jim Little, Wendell Black, Ronnie Rawls, Mike Marler, Jim Hill, Dorman Richards, and Drexell Richards; (second row, l to r) Shane Goude, Larry Shaw, Matt Brunson Sr., Heath Hornsby, Joe Kather, Mike Murphy, Dale Stewart, Jerome Blackmon, Steve Dewberry, Troy Gideon III, Chris Sanders, and Cody Kelley; (third row, l to r) Harry Young, Larry Selman, Fox Brunson, James Killebrew, Eddie Kelley, Ethen Dodd, Brian Smith, Howard Oliver, and Justin Prescott; and (back row, l to r) Tom Nesbit, Allan Brackin, Tommy Morrow, Jack Caradine, Joel Moore, and Daniel Stephens.

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